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SUMMARY: THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL HAS CONDEMNED RECENT
REMARKS BY GEN GALVAO DE MELO CRITICIZING DECOLONIZATION
AND THE CONTINUED IMPRISONMENT OF PORTUGUESE CITIZENS IN
THE FORMER COLONIES. END SUMMARY.

1. RC CONDEMNS GALVAO DE MELO: FOLLOWING ITS MAR 9
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MEETING, THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL (RC) ISSUED A STATEMENT
WHICH:

-- CONDEMNED RECENT SPEECHES IN THE ASSEMBLY AND
AT A RETURNEES' RALLY BY RETIRED GEN GALVAO DE MELO, AN
INDEPENDENT DEPUTY ELECTED ON THE CDS SLATE (REFS A & B);
-- PROTESTED MELO'S LABELLING THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR
PORTUGUESE DECOLONIZATION AS "TRAITORS;"

-- ARGUED THAT PORTUGUESE LEADERS HAD DONE WHAT WAS HISTORICALLY POSSIBLE TO DECOLONIZE SMOOTHLY IN THE FACE OF NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL PRESSURES;
-- COMPLAINED THAT MELO'S DEMANDS FOR THE LIBERATION OF PORTUGUESE PRISONERS IN THE FORMER COLONIES WERE DAMAGING DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS TO FREE THEM.

2. CDS CALLS FOR CALM: THE CDS, WHICH IS THE LEADING PARTY AMONG RETURNEES, ISSUED A STATEMENT MAR 9 CONDEMNING THE "PRECIPITOUS ACTION OF POLICE AGAINST RETURNEES AT THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY" AND APPEALING FOR RETURNEES TO REMAIN CALM.

3. COMMENT: THE UNUSUAL RC ATTACK ON A DEPUTY RESPONDS NOT ONLY TO THE PERSONAL ATTACKS MADE ON SEVERAL RC MEMBERS BUT ALSO SEEKS TO DEFEND THE MILITARY AS AN INSTITUTION.
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